

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Museum Association****Project Title:****Anchorage Museum Association - Facility Expansion**

**State Funding Requested: \$ 5,000,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: 23 - L**

**Brief Project Description:**

The request is for deferred maintenance priorities at the Anchorage Museum.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$6,400,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds			\$1,000,000	08		
Other	\$400,000	08				
Total	\$400,000		\$1,000,000			

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

*\$1,000,000 is included in bond proposition 1 on the April 1 ballot in Anchorage.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Anchorage Museum is a showcase for the heritage and culture of Alaska and Anchorage. Millions of visitors to our state have been exposed to Alaska's heritage and have enjoyed a unique learning experience by visiting the Museum. At the same time the Museum serves as Anchorage's center for cultural activity. The Museum hosts weddings, conference groups, proms and dances and numerous community meetings. The facilities are used by the community and visitors almost 365 days a year.

The Museum is run by a private-public partnership between the Anchorage Museum Association and the Municipality of Anchorage. The purpose of this request is to fund the deferred maintenance on the existing buildings. The repairs are critical for the life, health and safety of the public and visitors that use the museum. The Anchorage voters are being asked to approve proposition 1 which includes \$1 million in matching funds for the State's grant. Inclusion of the State grant in the supplemental is important because voters in the Municipality of Anchorage are currently considering proposition 1 and will be voting on April 1st.

Healthy communities are an important responsibility of the State and healthy economies are critical to the success of Alaska's communities. As an integral component of the quality of life in Anchorage, the Museum is an important economic driver. In today's global economy, quality of life is often a determining factor in attracting investment. With the commitment of local resources to the project, the State's partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage will help improve the quality of life in Anchorage and ensure Anchorage can continue to compete for investment with similar cities across the globe.

**Project Timeline:**

Expenditures will occur as soon as possible and by January 2009 at the latest.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

The Museum Association

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No